

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

It is therefore a primary object of the present invention to provide a low temperature co-fired ceramic (LTCC) structure with much improved lead bondability.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] The bonding metal layer may be deposited and may be cofired with the stack of ceramic layers. Alternatively, the stack may be cofired and the bonding metal layer subsequently deposited and thereafter be fired in a second firing of the stack[.].